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Dr. John R. Cash: A Shining Day At G-W

In pomp and pageantry Sept. 28, Gardner-Webb College conferred an honorary doctor of humanities degree upon singer Johnny Cash, for the eminence that is in much a part of him as his music.

Internationally known as "the prince of country music," Cash was cited for his work with penal reform and the rehabilitation of prisoners, alcoholics and drug abusers.

The day alone both for Cash and the college. The day's events—Cash's morning concert, a luncheon, and the afternoon convocation—drew more than 12,000 persons to the campus. Its spirit was captured by a host of news media representatives—and their words went virtually around the world, from Los Angeles to Saigon, and across the U. S. Nearly every one of the Carolina's major television stations were on hand, as were representatives of the two states' major dailies. The wire services carried the story—and one inquiry came from a national newsmagazine.

Cash's acceptance of the degree was the middle of Spangler Stadium where John R. Cash stood solemnly to receive his degree and academic regalia at the afternoon convocation.

Earlier, in the morning, he and his troupe had performed a free concert of his best-known songs. He had worn the black costume which is his trademark. His song "Men In Black" says the black's a symbol for the poor, the down-trodden, the prisoner, "for those who never read or listened to the words that Jesus said. . ."

College President E. Eugene Poston conferred the degree, remarking that the occasion was a "high and solemn" hour in the history of the school.

The citation was read by Lloyd C. Bost of Shelby, chairman of the college board of trustees and the only other person ever to have received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Gardner-Webb. He said Cash's degree was conferred "on behalf of the humble and the poor, those who are the victims of drugs and alcohol, and thousands looked behind prison walls. . . . But continued: "Only he and his God know how much of his talent and fortitude he has poured into this battle. . . ."

Cash, visibly moved by the proceedings, spoke in response of his work with prisoners and pleaded for care and understanding. No legislation or rehabilitation program—"shiny plans"—are "worth two cents," Cash said, if the element of caring is omitted. Prisoner rehabilitation is often said to have failed, he added, when in truth it has never been attempted.

Cash's wife, singer June Carter, and his entire troupe of 14 accompanied him and joined in the morning concert. At noon, Cash was honored at a banquet luncheon to which many of his friends in the entertainment field had been invited. Stealing the spotlight from his well-known parents was John Carter Cash, 18 months, who had a high chair at the head table and a "hi" for the crowd of 600.

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Johnny Cash: Two Views

. . . Above, in the academic regalia symbolizing his doctor of humanities degree . . . At right, the "man in black" singing in concert with his troupe—his wife, June Carter, Maury Maybelle and the Carter Family, Statler Brothers, Carl Perkins and The Tennessee Three.



With The Alumni

Paul Sakheini '52 is pastor of Ninereen Baptist Church and director of the larger church school in Ninereen, Israel. He was on hand last June to greet a tour group in Israel which included Dr. Vann Merrill, present head of G-W's department of religion, and other friends from the area. Sakheini and his wife, Rose, have three sons. The couple both completed their education at the Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Sam O'Neal '55 has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention's church training secretaries for 1971-72.

The Rev. **Alfred Wright '56** is in a new pastorate at Unity Baptist Church in Gastonia. He formerly served four years as pastor of Greensboro's 14th Street Baptist Church.

John McEwen '56 and his wife, the former **Sylvia Scruggs '57**, are living at 6601 Shasta St., Memphis, La. 70003. McEwen recently was appointed area contract sales

manager in New Orleans over the Gulf area for Hotpoint. They have a daughter, Maurice Ann, 13.

Jimmie E. Groose '58 has been named business manager of Cleveland Technical Institute. He formerly was manager of Union Trust Co.'s Loveland bank.

Jane Groose '55 was married last July 18 to **William Claude Cooper, Jr.** They live in Shelby, where she is employed by First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

M. Clay Wael '56 is associate minister of Temple Baptist Church in Durham. For the last two years, he had been associate minister of Highland Park Second Baptist Church in Louisville.

Richard Adams '56 is pastor of Mall's Chapel Baptist Church near Shelby. He and his wife, the former **Omeara Gibbs**, have one daughter.

Shuman E. Wilson Jr. '71 has been appointed juvenile probation officer for the ninth judicial district, with offices in Henderson.

Tanna Boone '71 is teaching at Pugh Forest.

Marriages

Paul Avery Schen '56 to **Judith Irene Delinger**, both of Kings Mountain.

Wanda Kay Edwards '56 to **Carl Elmer Gougeon**, both of Shelby.

Cecil Auchley Jr. '56 of Forest City to **Judith Katherine Durlay** of Columbia, S. C.

Deek Elaine Hunt '57 to **John David Weston**, both of Shelby.

Betty Brown Chapman '57 of Greenville, S. C., to **Donald Deane Smith** of Simpsonville, S. C.

Frank Geriggs '56 of Onover to **Regina Madden** of Hickory.

Suzanne Rogers Phillips '58 of Charlotte to **Charles Doree Elger Jr.** of Lincoln, Neb.

Trilby Marlene Redford '59 of Lowell to **James William Hallgren** of McAdenville.

Berry Allen Dodson '59 of Forest City to **Janet Marie Jenkins** of Statesville.

Charles Andrew Lonsdale '59 of Pamplin, S. C., to **Helen Ann Caldwell** of Prosperity, S. C.

Martha Compton '59 to **David Liles**, both of Asheville.

Burrell Joseph Jones II '59 to **Karen Lynn Alexander**, both of Greenville, S. C.

William Thomas Mauney '59 of Arden to **Susan Lynn Revels** of Skyland.

Sandra Lee Walker '71 of Norfolk, Va., to **James Washburn '72** of Shelby.

Going To Convention?

Gardner-Webb College alumni and friends are cordially invited to get together for a breakfast during the approaching Charlotte meeting of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

The G-W breakfast will be held at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Downsview Motor Inn near the Charlotte Coliseum. The meal will be buffet style. Reservations at \$2.25 per person must be made in advance. You can use the blank below. Please come join us!

G-W Breakfast Reservation

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Gardner-Webb College breakfast for alumni and friends at 7:15 a.m. Nov. 25. I am enclosing my

check for _____ (\$2.25 per person).

Name _____

Address _____

Please clip and return to: Alumni Office, Gardner-Webb College, Belling Springs, N. C. by Nov. 18.

Evening, Extension Classes Set

Underpinning its service to community, Gardner-Webb will begin offering evening and extension courses in January.

Its purpose is to provide college study for all interested citizens in and around Cleveland County, and to provide an opportunity for school teachers and others who want to renew their teaching certificates or raise the level of their degrees. Area alumni are especially invited to enroll for stimulating study and continuing intellectual growth.

The evening school catalog lists 32 available courses on levels from freshman to senior, in many different fields. Several are designed particularly for teachers.

Gardner-Webb also will offer any of these courses off-campus, through its extension program, to any group with an enrollment of at least 20 persons.

Registration for the courses is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 6, 1972, at E. B. Herrick Auditorium.

Alumni and others interested should contact **Jane L. Taylor**, Box 887, Gardner-Webb College, Belling Springs, N. C. for the catalog and further information about courses, costs, etc.

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It yet remains to be seen how large our web will grow. But this much we know, once you're hooked in, we won't let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.



A Memorable Day . . .

THE photo at left, above, shows the massive gathering of spectators and news representatives at Johnny Cash's morning concert Sept. 28 . . . AT RIGHT, above, Trustee Chairman Lloyd C. Bost reads the citation honoring Cash, center, with his wife, June Carter Cash . . . THE photo at right, below, catches the festive spirit of the luncheon honoring the Cashes. Young John Carter Cash steals the spotlight from his parents, right, and College President E. Eugene Poston. All three Cashes were presented honorary memberships in their respective Bulldog Club organizations . . . and young John liked his bulldog present best of all.



Far-Reaching Arthur Smith Show To Feature Gardner-Webb

More nation-wide publicity is coming Gardner-Webb's way with the filming of the popular Arthur Smith Show on the campus. This show will be shown on 12 television stations in 10 states during November and December.

The 30-minute show features the college ensemble under the direction of Dr. George Cimb, includes an interview with President E. Eugene Poston and student government officers, and shows parts of the concert given by singer Johnny Cash during the recent convocation on campus.

Arthur Smith is a college trustee and one of G-W's biggest boosters. He brought his cast of seven and four technicians to G-W to film the show.

The schedule at right lists dates and times the show will be broadcast. Alumni are asked to watch . . . and invite their friends to see it, too!

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4:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 27
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7:30 p.m. Wed., Nov. 24
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7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 9
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5:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 16
5:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 25
7:00 p.m. Wed., Nov. 2
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6:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 4
7:00 p.m. Fri., Dec. 10
8:00 p.m. Sat., Nov. 20
7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 25
7:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 2
7:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 18

G-W's A Real Family Tradition For The Karl Hedricks

Karl and Rachel Hedrick of Bowling Springs, who met while they were Gardner-Webb students themselves, saw their sixth child off to the Bowling Springs campus this fall.

Pretty Ginger Hedrick, their youngest, follows her parents, her three sisters and two brothers as a Gardner-Webb student, setting what must be a record with family involvement with the school.

Ginger's heading down an educational path held in part by the efforts of her own educator-ancestors.

Mrs. Hedrick's father, J. D. Huggins, was the first principal of the old Bowling Springs High School from which Gardner-Webb grew. Mrs. J. D. Huggins taught Latin and English there, and the Huggins name runs in

a rich vein through the school's history.

When their own children come along, the Karl Hedricks made it a rule that the sons and daughters study at Gardner-Webb during their freshmen and sophomore years.

"We think it's best," Mrs. Hedrick says. "Gardner-Webb has an exceptional faculty, with a unique and personal touch between the students and teachers."

Their oldest daughter, now Mrs. Allan Jones, started the tradition in 1957, graduated in 1959 and went on to Appalachian State University. She now teaches a first grade class in Bowling Springs. Mrs. Wilkfield Henrich, the second daughter, attended G-W from 1959-61 and now lives in Clemmons. Karl Hedrick Jr., now in a research lab at N. C. State University, attended Gardner-

Webb from 1961-63. Mrs. Cylea Backson, fourth child of the Hedricks, attended the school from 1962 to 1964, went on to ASU and now lives in Durham. Son Jimmy Hedrick, now a Newton businessman, was the first to complete four years at Gardner-Webb, graduating in 1971 with one of the first bachelor's degrees granted by the new senior college.

And now Ginger's well on the way. By 1975, the Hedricks foresee that they will have finished the task of college-educating all six of their children. It will have taken them 18 years, and, as most parents know, much hard work. But no regrets.

"We're leaving our children an education . . . and that's something no one can take from them," Mrs. Hedrick says. Uniquely, it's a Gardner-Webb education, at that.



GINGER HEDRICK
... footsteps to follow.

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Two Big Wins Spark Early Grid Season

Bowling football fell over for 1971, already looks much brighter for a successful season. The men of Coach George Linton stand 2-5, but one of those wins is a 24-6 victory over powerful Lenoir Rhyne.

The final five games of the season include three with team against which the Bulldogs will be given very chances of victory. Mars Hill, Georgia's 484 Maryville College are teams with records similar to the Bulldogs. Presbyterian of Carson-Newman are having outstanding seasons and Bowling victories would be considered upset.

The two wins match the wins output of the Bulldogs of 1970 when they closed with

a 2-8 record. After the Lenoir Rhyne win Newberry visited Spangler Stadium and scored three times late in the game to win 30-9. Then a trip to Elm was unsuccessful as the Christians turned two pass attempts and one puny interception into a 33-14 victory.

The Bulldogs later went to Guilford to play a team which whipped them 35-7 in 1970. This year it was a one-sided win for Coach Linton and his men, 42-14. The third loss came at the hands of a powerful Sanford University eleven which came to Bowling Springs a 29-point favorite. The final score was 9-7. Sanford - Sanford whipped the Bulldogs 56-28 last year.

Cagers Ranked Fifth Nationally In NAIA

Street and Smith's Basketball Annual has ranked G-W's 1971-72 basketball team fifth in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The magazine also foresees a berth on the NAIA All-American team for Bowling star George Adams. He made the All-American team last year as a junior when he pumped in 30-plus points per game and heaved down more than 15 rebounds per outing.

The four teams ranked above G-W nationally—according to Street and Smith, are East Carolina State of Wisconsin, Eastern Michigan, Kentucky State and Fairmont State of West Virginia.

The Bulldogs open the season with a home game against Piedmont College of Denmark, Ga., Nov. 23.